American Studies, M.A.

General Description
International, interdisciplinary degree of 4 semesters that provides a historically informed, culturally diverse, and scholarly reflected understanding of America from both domestic and international perspectives. The graduate program offers M.A. candidates the opportunity to specialize and gain increased research expertise.

Special focus on:
- American cultural memory
- Early American Studies
- American drama and theater
- German-American relations
- American visual culture studies
- Performance studies
- Transnational American Studies

Internships/Projects/Practical Work
This graduate program includes an internship/project work module totalling 20 ECTS- points.

Standard Period of Study
The duration of the study program depends on the individual course of studying.
The standard period of study, i.e. the duration in which the program can normally be completed, is 4 semesters (120 Credit Points).
While the actual duration of the study program may differ from the standard period, it must not exceed the designated time frame stated in the study regulations (6 semesters).

Language of instruction
English

Start of the Program
Winter semester (October of each year)

Admission
No admission restriction. Applicants must also demonstrate their aptitude for the graduate program (see application documents and procedures).

Structure
- 9 taught courses + internship/project + M.A. thesis
- these 5 modules (in total 120 LP) should be completed within 4 semesters, so each semester courses worth around 30 LP should be selected
- AMS-M31 (Core Module: Issues in Advanced American Studies) should be completed within the first two semesters

Overall grade
AMS-M32 (American Studies I), AMS-M33 (American Studies II), and the M.A. thesis (60-80 pages) count 1/3 each.